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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FORMATION OF MOZAMBIQUE ARMY

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1. SUMMARY. AGREE WITH EMBASSY LISBON'S COMMENT ON IMPRACTICABILITY OF CHAMPALIMAUD'S SCHEME. IT APPEARS BASED ON EXAGGERATED IMPRESSION OF STRENGTH AND DURABILITY OF ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO FRELIMO AMONG AFRICAN POPULATION AND BLACK TROOPS. END SUMMARY.

2. SUCCESS OF MOZAMBIQUE ARMY SCHEME WOULD REQUIRE (1) WIDESPREAD AND ACTIVE ANTI-FRELIMO SENTIMENT AMONG MOZAMBIQUE AFRICAN TROOPS AND POPULATION; (2) AFRICAN TROOPS WILLING AND ABLE TO FIGHT EFFECTIVELY DESPITE WITHDRAWAL OF MOST WHITE PORTUGUESE TROOPS; (3) NON-FRELIMO POLITICAL FORCES CAPABLE OF WINNING SUPPORT AND LEGITIMACY INSIDE AND OUTSIDE MOZAMBIQUE.

3. CHAMPALIMAUD'S BLACK AUTHORITIES TO CONTRARY, WE HAVE YET TO SEE EVIDENCE THAT MACUA (WHO INCIDENTALLY NUMBERS MORE LIKE ONE-THIRD THAN ONE-HALF OF AFRICAN POPULATION) OR ANY OTHER TRIBE PREPARED TO DO MASSIVE BATTLE AGAINST FRELIMO. WHILE MACUA HAVE GENERALLY FAILED TO COOPERATE WITH FRELIMO, WE SEE LITTLE INDICATION THAT THEY HAVE WILL OR CAPABILITY TO CREATE A BIAFRAN TYPE REDOUBT, AT

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LEAST PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.

4. UNLESS FRELIMO SCARES PORTUGUESE BLACK TROOPS INTO OPPOSITION THROUGH FEAR OF REPRISALS, WE DOUBT THAT PRE-DOMINANTLY BLACK, EFFECTIVE FORCE CAN BE CREATED IN TIME NOW AVAILABLE. FRELIMO'S POSITION IS THAT IT BEARS NO GRUDGE AGAINST AFRICANS WHO FOUGHT FOR PORTUGUESE IN PAST, BUT CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE NOW THAT MOZAMBICANS OF ALL RACES SHOULD REFUSE TO FIGHT NOW. BLACK TROOPS, ALREADY SHOWING RELUCTANCE CONTINUE COMBAT, CANNOT BE EXPECTED FIGHT IF BULK OF REGULAR PORTUGUESE ARMY WITHDRAWS. ON CONTRARY, THEY EXPECT PROTECTION PORTUGUESE ARMY. WE EXPECT AFRICAN TROOPS INCREASINGLY LIKELY TO HEED CALL TO BLACK BROTHERHOOD.

5. FINALLY, NO EFFECTIVE, AFRICAN-BASED ANTI-FRELIMO POLITICAL ORGANIZATION HAS YET SHOWN SERIOUS SIGNS OF EMERGING.

6. IF CHAMPALIMAUD SUCCEEDS IN CONVINCING GOP TO TRY OUT HIS MOZAMBIQUE ARMY SCHEME, WE FEAR THAT, RATHER THAN BEING STABILIZING, SCHEME MIGHT LEAD TO WIDESPREAD TRIBAL CHAOS AND IN LONG RUN MAKE OUTCOME BLOODIER.

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